

Appl. No. 10/526,320  
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**Response to Election/Restriction Communication; Election with Traverse**

This election *with traverse* is made in response to the Patent Office examiner's communication (Election/Restriction) under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 [DETAILED ACTION, Page 2] mailed 09 January 2008, for which response is due *without petition for extra time* by 09 Jan 2008, identifying two groupings (I and II). While the examiner notes that a call was made on 12/31/2007 (*New Years Eve*) to the undersigned: No voice message or other indication of contact by the examiner was left for the undersigned suggesting that the examiner had attempted contact. The undersigned encourages the examiner to call in an effort to expedite prosecution.

**Focus initial review to Group I (claims 1-14)**

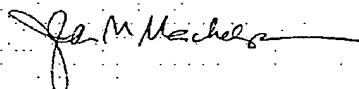
So that prosecution on the merits of the instant application can be entered—and the examiner may proceed to search the record—applicant has chosen to focus prosecution to those claims drawn to the garment structures identified by the examiner as belonging to **Group I**, namely, claims 1 – 14. Applicant hereby elects **Group I**.

**GENERAL REMARKS**

As is known, an allowed generic claim may link species embraced thereby. Those claims directed to different species of an allowed generic claim can be rejoined for allowance within the same application. It is understood that the examiner has made no search of the prior art, nor has he provided any commentary or arguments *on-the-merits* of the application and its new and distinct technology, as claimed.

In sum, an election has been made by applicant based on examiner requirement, as can best be understood, to those claims directed to structures singled-out as **Group I**, in an effort to move prosecution forward. It is understood that, at this point in time, **no claim** will be cancelled even though it may be withdrawn from further consideration herein, as being directed to another of the patentably distinct groupings.

Respectfully submitted this 09<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008



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